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Kathy- FYI:

Below is the entry in the Water Division weekly. (Thanks to Laura for kick-off.) C

Bay Delta Conservation Plan. The Water Division, ORC, and ERO jointly provided scoping comments for the proposed Bay Delta Conservation Plan. The Plan is being developed by five federal and state agencies to provide for delta ecosystem recovery, and delta water conveyance and operations of CA State Water Project and federal Central Valley Project. We requested clarification of the purposes, level of analysis, and baseline in the DEIS. We also recommended the DEIS analyze scenarios with reduced inflows and exports, address water quality impacts comprehensively, and consider effects of sea level rise in design of new facilities. Conveyance designs proposed for the water projects include through-delta and around-delta conveyance (aka peripheral canal) routings. This project builds on the Bay Delta CALFED Program and the more recent Delta Vision. R9 EPA is a Cooperating Agency (ERO & WTR). Gov. Schwarzenegger, Senator Feinstein, Rep. George Miller have expressed interest in this project.

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